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Adjournment - 10:45 P. M.

Torrance, California  
April 14, 1959

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, April 14, 1959, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Bartlett were:  
COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, and Isen.  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn. City Manager Stevens and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Gene Egbert led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Clifford Hitchcock of the South Bay Church of God opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Drale moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held April 7, 1959, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced that Bids for furnishing motor vehicles and other equipment will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, April 15, 1959, at 10:00 A. M.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Publication.

Councilman Benstead moved this be accepted and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen outlined the Council procedure to the audience.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:

1. HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 3655 - ABATEMENT OF WEEDS,  
to determine whether or not certain parcels are a public nuisance.

City Clerk Bartlett presented the Affidavit of Posting.

Councilman Benstead moved this be received and filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Drale moved the Hearing be closed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Councilman Beasley moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the title to any ordinance or resolution on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilman the right to demand the reading of any such ordinance or resolution in regular order.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

The City Clerk assigned the numbers and read titles to the ordinances and resolutions shown subsequently in these Minutes.

RESOLUTION NO. 3663

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIS REPRESENTATIVES AND EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3655.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3663.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

2. HEARING ON PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF A 4-WAY TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT PALOS VERDES BOULEVARD AND CALLE MIRAMAR.

This had been held over from the Council meeting of March 31, 1959, along with a March 23, 1959 letter from the PTA of Parkway Elementary School, and a March 26, 1959 letter from the Hollywood Riviera Home-owners Association, both supporting this request.

Mr. Ivar Christensen, 311 Via Mesa Grande, President of the Parkway PTA, read a prepared statement outlining what they consider to be a serious traffic problem requiring a 4-way stop signal at Calle Miramar and Palos Verdes Blvd., and the need for a "STOP" sign at Palos Verdes Blvd. on Calle Mayor. He asked that the Council render a decision on this tonight. He outlined the danger to children crossing these streets to go to school, and said if they get the signals they would like to keep the Crossing Guard as well.

Mrs. Kenneth E. Watts, 145 Via Monte D'Oro, said their group would completely reject the decision of the Traffic Commission in recommending that this request be denied. She said that in a conference with Chief of Police Bennett and his Assistant, Mr. Porter, during the past week they had concurred with the thinking of this group that the signal is needed. They feel the request is reasonable. She said the members of the Parkway PTA, of which she is the Corresponding Secretary, feel this is a reasonable request. She spoke of the traffic on their streets during the period from April to October, and said they need the signal especially during this time.

Mayor Isen asked if the request for a stop sign on Calle Mayor had been to the Traffic Commission, and upon being told it had not, it was ordered referred to them for investigation and recommendation.

Councilman Beasley expressed concern about Mrs. Watts' statement here that the Chief of Police and his assistant concurred with this group and disagreed with the Traffic Commission, saying he had thought they were all in agreement.

In response to a question as to how many people were present on this matter, a great many people raised their hands.

Councilman Drale said it had been the consensus of the Traffic Commission at their last meeting that this signal be recommended to the Council for approval; they want to refer this to the new budget which will be effective July 1 of this year, with the intersection to have a 4-way signal and to have #1 priority on the new budget. The communication carrying this information may not have reached the Council as yet.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation as outlined.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who said he hoped that the new budget would allow for at least part-time service by a traffic specialist. He agreed that the corner needs control, but said it is so laid out that he feared a standard signal would not answer that need.

Councilman Beasley said there are other traffic problems in the City as well as this one, some of which are of long standing. Some areas have been working for many years to get signals, and they are needed in the downtown area.

Councilman Drale agreed, and said he hoped that the new Director of Public Works would work with the problem and try to help work out a system of priorities on the many needs.

Mrs. Robert Clarke, 432 Via la Soledad, asked if they will have this signal by the next school year.

Mayor Isen thought it reasonable to assume that they would, if it has the #1 priority on the new budget.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Jahn absent).

At 8:20 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 8:25 P. M.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. An April 9, 1959, letter from Planning Director Powell gave the report the Council had requested in reply to Shirley Schwarz's letter about the Monterey St. problem.

Mayor Isen said the Council realized that this is not a public hearing under the law, and he explained to the people present on this that there is no provision in the law for such a hearing. This is a courtesy hearing, to give the people the information they need on this matter. There had been a petition to the Council from the people in the area which had reached us too late for the Agenda last week, and as a result of that petition, this meeting was arranged. Mr. Powell had been directed to give a history of the matter to the people through Mrs. Schwarz, and Mayor Isen asked if they had received it.

The people had.

The Mayor said the Council would try to answer the questions of the people. He asked Mr. Powell to go over the points involved and pointed out that there was an exhibit of the board showing the plot plan.

Mr. Mitchell, representing the industry which plans to build in the area, was present on their behalf.

Mayor Isen understood this property was zoned for heavy manufacturing in 1940; in 1952, the 50' P-zone was put in on the south side of Monterey from Crenshaw to Maple. Anything else, the Mayor said, was just talk so far as this Council knows and could not get anywhere. The people have a right to all this information. Mayor Isen said the people seemed to think the Council had refused something the Commission had passed, which is not the case; he asked if there had been exhibits.

Mr. Powell, the Planning Director, said they had been submitted during the formal hearings of the Planning Commission only.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to outline the steps which are necessary for a Change of Zone for the benefit of the audience, and the City Attorney did so.

The City Attorney said as he understood it, there was never a formal action before the Planning Commission for rezoning this land, and he said there had not been any such action before this Council. He understood that at one time the Planning Commission had started a Change of Zone to R-3, but the matter was dropped.

Mayor Isen said to put any restrictions taking additional property from the owners would not stand up in court, and asked the Attorney if he was not right.

The City Attorney doubted that it would, unless it was an action designed to affect all such property in the City; he said we cannot make rules to fit one piece of land alone.

Councilman Beasley asked if there had been any motion made to institute rezoning proceedings to increase the P-zone area there.

Planning Director Powell, for the record, said he wanted the whole Council and the people to know that the Planning Commission had instituted a case as a Change of Zone from M-1 to residential there, but not to change the P-zone as such. He said that during the Hearings, the proceedings were held over for 90 days, and then were held for another 90 days. During that time, the letter from Chanslor Western Oil & Development Co. had come in saying they wanted the Commission to have another hearing on an industry to go in there. When this was before the Commission, the rezoning proceedings were stopped. At that time, the Planning Commission

began to talk about the width of the buffer zone.

Mayor Isen asked if they had any jurisdiction to make any changes on this property, and the Planning Director said they did not.

Mayor Isen explained that the owners of the property had come in to talk about this only as a gesture of neighborliness; he explained they had not been required to do so because of the zone of the property.

Councilman Drale asked who had initiated the proceedings to change the zone of the property.

Planning Director Powell said the Planning Commission had. He said notices had been sent out, and two hearings had been held on it. Then the motion had been made to hold this over for 90 days. Then another motion had been made to hold it for another 90 days. During the last period, the company had come in with the industry for the area. It had nothing to do with the Change of Zone.

Councilman Benstead asked Planning Commissioner Figueredo, who was present, why they had asked for the 90-day extension.

Mr. Figueredo said because Mr. Doherty, representing the owners of the land, had asked for more time to study this.

Councilman Beasley asked to whom he had made this request, and Mr. Figueredo said to him and to Planning Commission King.

Mr. Figueredo said at that time, Mr. Doherty had offered this extra 50' of land for a buffer zone in addition to the 50' buffer zone already there.

Mayor Isen thought this meant if someone paid for the land; he pointed out that would mean hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property.

Councilman Beasley asked why they had not made a motion to accept that offer.

Mr. Figueredo said the Planning Commission had.

Councilman Beasley said that 100' P-zone matter had not come here.

Commissioner Figueredo said the whole matter is in the Minutes of the Planning Commission; he said Mr. Doherty was present tonight and would agree to this.

Mr. Doherty of Chanslor Western Oil & Development Co. came forward and said Mr. Figueredo was correct; he said during a meeting of the Planning Commission on this, he had been asked if Chanslor would object to making this so-called P-zone or buffer 100' deep instead of the present 50'; he had said they would be glad to do that. The discussion had gone further. The industry was going to take 1520' along the south side of Monterey. Mr. Doherty said he had agreed that Chanslor would establish a uniform 100' setback along their own property all the way to Maple. Then another matter had come up. It was proposed Monterey be increased to 80' in width. That was considered, and then members of the Planning Commission had thought that would tend to encourage too much industrial traffic on the street. The Commission had felt Monterey should be a 60' street, and had asked if Chanslor would put in a street along the southerly boundary of the industrial property instead. At that time a 30' street was agreed upon, but they have now decided on a 60' street. They will put it in and will improve it.

Mr. Doherty felt there may be some confusion in the minds of some of the people who live in the area because of the small office building planned there. The company coming in has agreed to bring in from the south all their heavy traffic. The office building, to house the officials and office help of the company, will use a small parking lot out in front, and there will be parking there for visitors. Mr. Doherty said this would not be large space. He said the office building is set out from the plant. Mr. Doherty said according to the plans shown to his company, there will be 150' between Monterey and the main shop building. Mr. Doherty added that the company had felt they were being somewhat imposed upon by not being able to use all the land for building, but Chanslor had made an adjustment of the price so the company would take on the burden of the extra 50' of buffer.

Councilman Blount said there is a great deal of confusion in his mind. He asked if Mr. Doherty's company is offering to set up a 100' buffer zone from Maple Avenue to the east boundary of their property

along the south side of Monterey, saying if so, he would move to accept it because he felt it to be a fine thing.

Mr. Doherty said he had assumed that would be done.

Councilman Blount asked if this is meant as a buffer zone, not buildings.

Mr. Doherty said with the single exception of this building under discussion as an office for the company coming in soon.

Councilman Blount said the Council had not withdrawn any 50' offered as had been rumored; they did not understand if the owners of the land had offered to increase the present 50' buffer as it stands, meaning no building can be put in it, and it can be used only for parking and planting, and he asked Mr. Doherty if that was what they meant.

Mr. Doherty said with only this one building as an exception.

Councilman Blount moved to accept this offer.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Benstead asked the dimensions of the one office building which has been mentioned as an exception to this.

Mr. Doherty said it was shown to them as a building 40' x 120', with plans for expansion to 40' x 180' later.

Mayor Isen told the audience that the Council had not been aware of this offer; they were told that the industry might come to Torrance, that there would be no fumes, noise, noxious odors or other nuisances from it; Mr. Mitchell, representing the industry, had told the Council they could not afford the extra 50' here, however.

Mr. Mitchell came forward, saying that he had not said exactly that; he had said his company had bought and paid for that 50' of land, and that the Chanslor Western or Santa Fe had not donated any land either to the City of Torrance or the company for this purpose.

Mr. Doherty said his own statement about the adjustment in the cost of the land is correct.

Councilman Blount said as he understood it, Mr. Doherty, who represented the owners of the land, had stated to this Council that the owners are willing to give, and are offering to the City, an additional 50' of buffer zone, making the P-zone 100' deep, along the south side of Monterey St., the entire length of their own industrial tract from the eastern boundary of their land to the eastern boundary of Maple Avenue; upon direct statement, Mr. Doherty had said that with the one exception of the office building to be put up by Mr. Mitchell's company, we would have here a 100' buffer zone along the south side of Monterey to be used only for parking and planting.

Mr. Doherty said he was sure Mr. Mitchell's company understood this too.

Mayor Isen said they had excluded from that provision the office building for Mr. Mitchell's company, a 40' x 120' building.

Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Doherty if he is offering this land to the City of Torrance on behalf of the Santa Fe or the R. C. Mahon Company.

Mr. Doherty said it had been understood by Mr. Sheets, the President of the Mahon Co. that there must be a 100' buffer strip along that frontage; whether the Planning Commission or the Council had taken any action or not, Mr. Doherty said he had given his word that his company would cooperate with the City in a 100' buffer strip from the east end of their own property to Maple Avenue's eastern boundary. In order to offer to compensate the company for the extra width of the strip which he had said there would be, to put a lot of space between the buildings which will be put up there and the buildings on the north side of Monterey, they had made an adjustment in the price. He said the office is the one exception. It is shown on the plan as 40' x 120', with a dotted line to indicate future expansion to 40' x 180'; he said he believed that was known to Mr. Powell, the Planning Director. The company had understood it. The company had agreed they would keep the bulk of the traffic off Monterey if Chanslor would establish a thoroughfare there, and Chanslor will do so. He said it was planned originally as a 30' street, and they have now decided to put in a 60' street and improve it.

Mayor Isen was prepared to ask for the roll call on the motion, but

Mr. Mitchell asked if Mr. Doherty would state who the legal owners are of the particular parcel where the office building is to go up.

Mr. Doherty asked if the name could be made public, and Mr. Mitchell said it could.

Mr. Doherty said the R. C. Mahon Company owns that property.

Mr. Mitchell asked how Mr. Doherty could offer land the Mahon Co. owns to the City.

Mr. Doherty said it is not offered to the City. He said it had been stated to Mr. Sheets at the time the negotiations were under way that this was planned, and an adjustment in the price was made for him to take on the cost of that land; Mr. Doherty pointed out that to donate that land to the City would be to take it off the tax rolls, and to put the burden of maintaining it on the City.

Mr. Dave Figueredo asked to have the Planning Director read to the Council the Planning Commission Minutes of the January 7, 1959 meeting; he said he did not think Mr. Mitchell should be penalized for this.

Councilman Beasley said the term 'give' is being misused here; it is simply a re-zoning of the land to P-zone.

Mr. Figueredo agreed, and said it can be used only for planting or parking; he said Mr. Doherty had said his company would give that zone.

Mayor Isen protested that 7 or 8 members of the Planning Commission had been present when this was before the Council, and not one of them had said a word to the Council about this.

Mr. Figueredo said that had been a meeting 'For Discussion'; the Council had asked Mr. Powell to give them the information, and the Commissioners had not been consulted.

Mr. Alan Moore, 1741 Elm St., said the residents have copies of the Minutes of the Jan. 7, 1959, meeting of the Planning Commission, and they are aware of what went on. He said they would like for Mr. Doherty to confirm tonight that the parking which this company will have in the P-zone will be limited to executive and visitor parking.

Mr. Doherty said that is correct so far as he knows.

Mr. Mitchell said he would like to give the residents the over-all picture of what his company plans; he thought a lot of the people in the area were confused as to what will be built and the types of processes which will be carried on there. The office building, which is being designed by Van Dyke & Barnes, a Los Angeles firm, will be a 2-story general office building. It will be 40' x 120', with a planned expansion of 60'. This building will be 50' south of Monterey. Then 40' behind that building, or a total of 230' from the south edge of Monterey, will be first manufacturing bay, which will be completely walled. In it, they will roll form light gauge metal; this process is quiet, and there are no fumes or smoke or dust. There will be no drop hammers or noisy machinery. The second bay will be 80' south of this, and in it will be their industrial equipment division. Beyond that, there will be another bay which will house their shop, industrial nurse, tool room, etc.; then will be the structural shop, which is to be 500' from the nearest house on Monterey. It will be the noisiest of their buildings. At the present time he has a light structural shop on Jefferson, and Mr. Mitchell did not think the noise from it had posed a great problem to anyone in the area. It has been their intention to develop the goodwill of their neighbors, and he thought they had done this. He said he had worked for a long time to persuade this Mahon Co. to come to Torrance. It is not their intention to cause any hardship to anyone.

Mayor Isen said everyone wants them to come, and we want them to be in the City; these people only want to be sure it does not go up too close to their homes.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that there has been a great deal of misinformation about this plan.

Mayor Isen said if it were possible, it would be wonderful if the plant buildings could be lined up with the Doherty offer, so everything will be built behind the 100' setback.

Mr. Mitchell said in the purchase of the land, there had been much discussion about 3 oil wells on the property; two of them have been

capped and abandoned. There is one still there. If Chanslor could be persuaded to abandon it, so their plant can be moved back further south, they would probably agree. He said they are limited in their choice of location at this time.

Councilman Drale asked if this meant he was talking about moving the office building back, and Mr. Mitchell said they cannot because they must maintain certain clearances.

Mr. Moyer, 2655 Monterey, said at the January 7 meeting of the Planning Commission they had said the building would be 100' from Monterey.

Councilman Bradford did not agree; he had been at the Planning Commission meeting when this was brought up, and he had understood this. At that meeting, the Planning Commission was to act on this. No information on this 100' buffer had ever come before this Council, however.

Mr. Figueredo, to whom the statement was addressed, said this was correct as far as it went. They had given them 90 days to go back and talk to the Mahon Co. The people who live nearby want the plant to come in. They are happy to have it.

Mr. Alan Moore, who had spoken earlier, spoke of the Exhibits A, B, and C, as mentioned in the Commissioner King's motion shown in the Planning Commission Minutes of January 7; he asked where they were now.

Mayor Isen said that action had never come to this City Council.

Mr. Moore said in that case, some, if not all, the Planning Commission members had fallen down on their jobs; he asked why the persons responsible for this are not doing the job of representing the interests of the people.

Councilman Beasley asked Mr. Figueredo, who said each member of the Planning Commission and the City Council receive copies of the Minutes; the vote had been taken, but he agreed that when this was discussed here two weeks after the January 7 meeting of the Commission, none of them had said anything.

Mr. Moore referred to Planning Commission President Lynn's statement that evening, January 7, to Planning Director Powell, when Mr. Powell was directed to advise the Council and the City Manager and the company of the results of that meeting.

Planning Director Powell said they had received notification. For the record, he wanted it understood that the City Council, the City Manager, and the manager of the company, knew about it and that was why the Commission was asked to be at the Council meeting. He had sent notices to both the Council and Commission telling them to be at the joint meeting on this.

Mayor Isen said there had been no information on this 100' buffer zone.

Planning Director Powell said that was presented when he was here, and is before the Council now.

Councilman Beasley asked if Mr. Powell meant the Council was informed that there was to be a 100' setback along there.

Mr. Powell said no.

Councilman Beasley said they are being told that the Council had changed the 100' strip down to a 50' buffer strip, and they deny that is so.

Mr. Powell said the 100' was discussed; he pointed to his statement made at the January 20 meeting of the Council.

Mr. Moore expressed concern over an apparent discrepancy here; he said nothing could be more definite than Mr. Lynn's instructions shown in the January 7 Planning Commission Minutes; he felt they had not been carried out, and he wanted to know why.

Mayor Isen said the January 20 Council Minutes show the only time this was here. The people here have seen them. There were at least 7 members of the Planning Commission here at that time, and they said nothing about this.

John Anderson, 2769 Monterey, said there is ample recorded agreement to give the wider buffer zone.

Motion to accept the wider P-zone carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Mayor Isen directed the City Attorney to prepare the proper documents for this.

Councilman Beasley moved the Planning Commission be instructed to immediately institute a Zone Change on an additional 50' buffer zone, making the P-zone 100' deep, on the south side of Monterey St., from the easterly edge of the Chanslor Western Oil & Development property there to the eastern boundary of Maple Ave.

Mayor Isen asked about the office building on the Mahon property.

Councilman Beasley said the Planning Commission could handle that as an exception.

Councilman Bradford asked if this meant we would have a 100' buffer zone on the south side of Monterey, saying part of the property under discussion here tonight is the property of the Mahon Co.

The City Attorney said the only way we can effectuate this is by a Change of Zone, and he would have to have a written consent from the owners of the land.

Mr. Doherty said he would furnish this on the land his company owns; they own the land from the Mahon property to the east boundary of Maple Avenue.

Mayor Isen said he did not know how much of the other land there would be.

Councilman Dralle asked Mr. Doherty if there was an adjustment of the price on the Mahon land because of the 100' setback.

Mr. Doherty said that was right, but someone had approved the location of that office building. He did not know who had approved it. He understood it had happened that way. He said he did not know if Mr. Powell knew anything about it. It was brought here for approval, evidently, but he said he had not been the one who brought it.

Councilman Blount said this may have passed with a building 50' south of Monterey, as at that time it was indicated to the Council that the company who was coming in could not, and furthermore, would not, give more land nor agree to more than a 50' setback. That is why this Council had approved that plot plan.

Mayor Isen agreed, saying the Council thought if more was asked, they would go some place else. If any member of the Planning Commission had such information, it had been their duty to give the Council that information.

Mayor Isen asked to amend the motion to show the following description of the property where the 100' P-zone is to be: 'from the west boundary of the Chanslor Western Oil & Development property at the east boundary of Maple Avenue to and including the recently purchased Mahon property', and he so moved.

Amendment seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Mayor Isen told Mr. Mitchell the Council hoped his principals would go along with this, as they apparently had before. He suggested that the residents of the area form a committee of not more than 5 of their members to represent them; he hoped we would have no further failure of communications here.

Councilman Benstead filed with the City Clerk a number of letters on this which had been handed to him, and they are listed herewith:

Mr. & Mrs. Dale Dorman, 1740 Date;

Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Elmore, 1750 Flower Ave.;

Mr. & Mrs. L. Bergma;

Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Brain, 1730 Fern Ave.;

G. W. Gilles, 1730 Elm Ave.;

Mr. & Mrs. Clark Williams, 2667 Monterey St.;

Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Bush, 1753 Flower Ave., Torrance, California.

Mr. Moore told the Council the people had come here tonight to get fulfillment of the January 7 Planning Commission meeting; with the statements Mr. Doherty had made tonight, and with the action taken tonight by the Council, they feel they have had cooperation. He thanked the Council for the residents.

Mayor Isen said to remember that this is not over yet; he urged the

people to cooperate with the principals involved. He outlined the action which must be taken to get a Change of Zone. He agreed that everyone had been convinced of the sincerity of the owners of the land as represented here tonight. If the Council had been informed of this offer before, they would have acted on it. He agreed that the Council does receive copies of the various Minutes, but said they rely on the various Department Heads to give them communications with the specific recommendations or reports.

Mayor Isen referred Mr. Moore, for the residents, to Messrs. Mitchell, Doherty, the Planning Commission, and the Planning Director.

At 9:25 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:45 P. M.

Mayor Isen said to clarify the record, and so there will be no chance for error, he would move that action of the Council prior to this evening, or at the Council meeting of January 20, 1959, on the preceding matter, when the motion was made that the zone remain as it was, be rescinded.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Jahn absent).

Mayor Isen said the January 20, 1959, motion welcoming the new industry to Torrance remains; he suggested to Mr. Moore he might be interested in meeting Mr. Mitchell and getting his telephone number. If there is anything the Council should know as this goes along, he asked that Mr. Moore put it in writing and address it to the City Council.

2. With a letter dated April 9, 1959, the Planning Director submitted to the Council the Commission's recommendation for approval of the following waivers:

Orville L. Lorenz, 1122 Kornblum, Ave., requesting rear yard waiver, per plot plan submitted;

Lewis H. Nelson, (Rodrick Const. Co., Inc.), 15127 Crenshaw Blvd., requesting front yard waiver at 24223-25 Madison St., R-2 zone, per plot plan submitted;

Kenneth & Esther Jansen, 24255 Ocean Ave. (FR 8-1585), requesting rear yard waiver, above address, per plot plan submitted;

Leo M. Christian, 23022 Kathryn Ave., (FR 5-7221), requesting rear yard waiver, above address, per plot plan submitted.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Planning Commission for approval, with all conditions.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. An April 9, 1959, letter from the Southern California Gas Co., 810 So. Flower St., Los Angeles, signed by Henry P. Letton, Jr., advised that they are applying to the PUC for a rate increase.

Councilman Benstead moved to protest this, with a written protest to be filed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered.

The City Attorney was instructed by Mayor Isen to file our written protest.

2. An April 6, 1959, letter from Charles H. Wortham, 112 Vista del Mar, Redondo Beach, California, informed the Council that he and his wife are planning a trip to Europe and the Middle East, and said they would be happy to represent Torrance if the City wishes while they are in Konya and the Republic of Turkey.

Mayor Isen said if the Council wished, we could handle this matter as we had the matter when Miss English had gone to Japan.

Councilman Blount so moved.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, no objections, so ordered, with the City Attorney directed to attend to the necessary papers, and, when the papers are ready, to ask Mr. Wortham to come before the Council so they can be properly presented to him.

3. An April 8, 1959, letter from Thos. B. Abrams, President of the Torrance Airport Commission, stated to the Council his intention to continue his excellent attendance record at Commission meetings.

Councilman Beasley noted that this was the only letter the Council had received from that Commission, however, Mayor Isen said a letter from Commissioner Simpson had come in too late for this Agenda.

There were no objections, and this was ordered filed as a matter of record.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated April 10, 1959, the City Manager reported that "Four weeks ago I submitted the attached draft of the Joint Powers Agreement for study. If the Council feels that this type of agreement is worthwhile, we will proceed with working together with other cities in the South Bay area to develop a final agreement for submission to the Councils.

"I believe that a great deal of benefit can be derived from such an agreement and can see no way in which the City would be hurt by it."

The City Manager said if the Council did approve this in principle, we could go ahead and develop it; otherwise it would be dropped.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Joint Powers Agreement in principle.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

Mayor Isen thought the City Manager had the Legislative Bulletin of the League of California Cities, but he handed the City Manager his own copy in case he had not, and asked that this be on the Agenda for next week for information.

2. With a letter dated April 9, 1959, the City Manager submitted his miscellaneous recommendations for approval.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with all of these, but there were several questions, and the motion was lost for lack of a second.

The City Manager said he wished to ask that Item 4 under Appropriations be withdrawn, saying further study is needed.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

#### PERSONNEL:

1. That Battalion Chief Northington be authorized to attend the 6th Annual Fire Training Officers' Workshop in Fresno May 18-23, 1959, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Blount, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

#### APPROPRIATIONS:

1. For the purchase of Sprinkler System supplies, the sum of \$480.61.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with this recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by

roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

2. For the purchase of Conveyor Belt and appurtenances for Elgin Sweeper, the sum of \$491.66. There is only one firm which furnishes these supplies.

Mayor Isen asked if this trouble in getting parts had not been one of the drawbacks when we bought this sweeper not too long ago.

The City Manager said their sweepers have a big conveyor belt which is expensive and which wears. They are the only place we can buy this belt.

Councilman Benstead asked if this is not a V-belt, and the City Manager said it is not, and he described it.

Mayor Isen asked if this is not the sweeper we bought which was 'different', and the City Manager said it was.

Mayor Isen asked if this had not been one of the reasons for objections to the sweeper, and the City Manager said yes.

Councilman Drale said we had bought it because it was cheaper by a few dollars, and now it is showing up as not being cheaper at all.

Mayor Isen said he had wished to bring out that same point.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

3. For the purchase of 200 gallons of traffic paint, the sum of \$468.00.

Councilman Benstead asked why we cannot combine all our paint orders for a year's supply and call for sealed bids.

The City Manager said we buy all our traffic paint from Bower because they make the best paint. No matter what we buy, the price is the same. We buy their paint because we find it goes much further, and gives us 'more miles per gallon'.

Councilman Benstead asked if all the Cities buy it, and the City Manager believed that the State and the City of Los Angeles and the County all buy it. He explained that this firm specializes in traffic paint.

Councilman Benstead thought if we bought a year's supply and call for sealed bids, we would be ahead.

The City Manager said we are just completing this year's budget in paint. There would be no difference in full price if we bought more.

Councilman Bradford said he would not be in favor of having a year's supply of paint in storage.

The City Manager said it would not hurt anything to order it and take it as we need it, but he did not think it would be wise to go to a cheaper paint.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the recommendation, #3 under Appropriation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

4. (This item held for study).

5. For the purchase of 233 Street Name Signs and 123 posts, the sum of \$1,938.30. The letter submitted by Hawkins and Hawkins was invalid in that they did not meet our specifications on either item, although they are able to supply items as specified.

The City Manager said these are the truck route signs the Council ordered some time ago. The lowest bid does not meet the specs in any way, and the City Manager did not feel it should be considered.

Councilman Blount suggested to Director of Public Works Peebles that we look into the matter of different color schemes on these signs, saying the Freeways are going to colors, and so is the City of Redondo Beach; he felt there may be some advantage here which we have been

overlooking.

Councilman Blount moved to concur with the City Manager on Item 5 under Appropriations.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

6. For the purchase of electrical equipment, pumps, tank and compressor from the lowest bidder as outlined in a letter from A. E. McVicar, submitted to the Council.

Councilman Bradford asked if <sup>any</sup> of those bidders were in the City of Torrance.

Mr. McVicar said none of the bidders on the Electrical Panels & Control equipment are.

Councilman Bradford asked why local people are not asked to bid on this sort of thing.

Mr. McVicar replied he did not know why they do not bid; the job was advertised. We received only 3 bids on the panels and control equipment.

Mr. McVicar advised the Council that a mistake had been made on his bid analysis. The Bickar Electric Co. bid is actually the lowest of the bids on the electrical panels and control equipment, as their bid of \$5,794.00 had been a lump sum bid, and not two bids as shown here. He therefore would recommend Bickar, as Two Macks Electric Co. is \$36 higher with their bid of \$5,820.00.

Councilman Benstead said from now on he would like to see the specs on these jobs.

Mr. McVicar said the Council had them on this job, with the one exception that on the Control Panels we had not specified, because each makes their own.

Mr. McVicar said his recommendation is as it reads, except that Bickar is the low bidder, if it is the Council's intention to award the bid on that basis only.

Councilman Blount moved that the bid of the Two Macks Electric Co. be accepted and all other bids be rejected on the Electrical Panels and Control Equipment, and that the other bids be awarded as recommended by Mr. McVicar.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

Councilman Bradford, directing this to the Director of Public Works, said in the future when we are having work done within the City, he wants the local people notified, by telephone if necessary. He said they are certainly entitled to have a chance to bid on City work. He said he was tired of seeing all the work go out of town. The people here have City licenses and are giving to Torrance charities and using Torrance people. He thought something should be worked out.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:

1. With a letter dated April 9, 1959, C. L. Bone, Assistant City Manager, submitted a report on the removal of dirt from Palos Verdes Boulevard, and an analysis of the two bids received for this work.

Mr. Bone recommended that the proposal received from Mr. Albert Gonzales be accepted at this time, as this will result in a saving to the City of from \$22,000 to \$26,000, and will also provide positive revenue of approximately \$6,000 to \$7,000.00.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with Mr. Bone's recommendation. Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, Jahn absent.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

1. An April 7, 1959, letter from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, transmitted their approval of a request from William Mainwaring, Park Maintenance Man, for a leave of absence of 3 months without pay; the letter also reported that the request had been approved by Mr. Casper Clemmer, Park Supt.

2. An April 7, 1959, letter from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, transmitted their approval of a request from Mrs. Bettie L. Hood, Acct. Clerk in the Water Dept., for a maternity leave of 8 months without pay; the letter also reported this request had been approved by Mr. A. E. McVicar, Water Supt.

3. An April 7, 1959, letter from the Civil Service Board, signed by W. C. Bradford, Secretary, transmitted their recommendation that Mr. John Stimach, Custodian, receive "move-up pay" for the period that Mr. Hight will be on vacation, from April 6-24, inclusive.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with Items 1, 2, and 3, as recommended by the Civil Service Board.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present, (Jahn absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. An April 8, 1959, letter from the CITY OF HOPE, signed by Hilda Taubkin, Regional Director, asked for a free license to solicit funds on June 7, 1959.

A memo was appended from License Inspector Whitacre saying this request had been approved by the Chief of Police, and that he recommended this be granted.

Councilman Beasley moved this request be granted.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who commented that Mr. Reid Bundy's idea on one super-organization to handle these solicitations.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

2. An April 8, 1959, letter from Dale E. Hamilton and Gwynn L. Tittle, 16120 Arlington Ave., Apt. 9, Gardena, requested a permit to paint addresses of residences on the curbs in front of the houses. These young men, students at El Camino College, asked to buy a license to provide this service if the Council did not grant them a free license.

Councilman Drale moved to grant the request, with the license fee to be paid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. An April 10, 1959, memo from Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, concerned the Airport Service Road and Taxi-Way construction.

Mr. Peebles reported that the original contract price was \$14,660.25, and the final contract price is \$17,723.10; the overage is caused by work done by the contractor which was not bid on because of an error in the excavation contracts. Mr. Peebles recommended that the Council appropriate the additional money for this overage and accept the project as completed.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with Mr. Peebles's recommendation.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPT.:

1. With a letter dated April 9, 1959, Acting City Engineer Bishop submitted the following easement deeds for acceptance by the Council:

- a. Easement Deed dated Feb. 20, 1959, given by Duane A. Stewart, et al, for the extension of Cranbrook Ave., being a portion of Lot 62 of the La Fresa Tract.
- b. Easement Deed dated March 27, 1959, given by Otto and Eleanor M. Citrowski for the widening of 182nd St., being a portion of Lot 28 of the R. O. Hickman Tract.
- c. Easement Deed dated March 16, 1959, given by Robert N. Lopin and Norabelle J. Lopin for the widening of Emerald St., being portions of Lot 11 in Tract No. 2895.
- d. Easement Deed dated April 4, 1959, given by Henriette Miller, et al, for the widening of 236th St. and for future 236th Pl., being portions of Lot 2, Tract No. 847.

Councilman Drale moved to accept these easements as offered. Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and as there were no objections, it was so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS:1. RESOLUTION NO. 3664

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT A REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ASSIST IN PAYING THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING GRADE CROSSING PROTECTION ON ARLINGTON AVENUE OVER THE TRACKS OF THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3664.

In reply to a question from Councilman Benstead, the City Attorney explained that the figure given in this resolution of \$10,540.00 as the cost of this installation is probably high, and this will, in all probability, be about \$7,500.00. We will not get the money until we have paid for the installation of the signal, and our getting it at all is dependent upon the Legislature appropriating the money and awarding it to us.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Bradford, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

2. Mr. Lee Schlens came forward, and said Mr. Russell had asked that the next Resolution, pertaining to an employment agreement with him, be withdrawn from the Agenda.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 3665

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENT FOR STATE ADMINISTRATION OF LOCAL SALES AND USE TAXES.

The City Manager said this plan will enable us to get the income from the sales taxes about 6 weeks earlier than we now get it.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 3665.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

4.

RESOLUTION NO. 3666

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 5 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR CONNECTION OF PALOS VERDES ESTATES SEWER LINE TO THE LOMITA TRUNK SEWER IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Drale moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3666.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount said he could see nothing here to ensure that they would put the streets back in normal condition after the work is done.

The City Attorney said they would be required to get an excavation permit and this would be specified then.

Councilman Blount felt this provision should be in the agreement.

Mayor Isen suggested this be held for 2 weeks so that could be made a part of the agreement.

Councilman Bradford moved to table this for two weeks so the correction could be made in the Agreement.

Motion to table seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

5.

RESOLUTION NO. 3667

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3667.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Jahn.

ORDINANCES:

1. With a letter dated April 8, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1081, approved at its first reading on April 7, 1959, with all Councilmen present excepting Councilman Bradford.

ORDINANCE NO. 1081

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUB-SECTION 5 OF SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1036 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CHANGING THE NAME OF VALERIE STREET IN SAID CITY TO ANZA AVENUE AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1081 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

At 10:10 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council re-convening at 10:15 P. M.

2. With a letter dated April 8, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1082, unanimously approved by those Councilmen present at its first reading on April 7, 1959, (Bradford absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 1082

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 13.3 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" PROHIBITING THE DEPOSITING OF RUBBISH ON CITY STREETS AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 13.3 THEREFOR PROHIBITING THE DEPOSIT OF RUBBISH IN PARKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1082 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

3. With a letter dated April 8, 1959, the City Clerk submitted for its second reading Ordinance No. 1084, unanimously approved by those Councilmen present at its first reading on April 7, 1959 (Bradford absent).

ORDINANCE NO. 1084

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 566.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1084 at its second and final reading.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

4.

ORDINANCE NO. 1085

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1085 at its first reading.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount asked why the north side of Carson, from Crenshaw to Beech, was to be posted for 'No Parking' instead of the other side; he did not think this a logical plan.

Councilman Drale did not know the answer.

Councilman Blount moved Ordinance No. 1085 be tabled for a week for an explanation of this.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

5. The City Attorney submitted, for study, a draft of an ordinance on the oil code; he told the Council there should have been a blue line on the map with this to show the area left out, however, the cross-hatched area was the one meant by this.

Mayor Isen wanted to see this outlined clearly, and asked the City Attorney to present this later, properly marked.

Councilman Benstead suggested that the 100' zone also be established between Crenshaw and Anza on Sepulveda.

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The City Attorney said this was only here for study, and that he was asking for suggestions so this can be made into an acceptable ordinance. He thought the oil well drilling ordinance should be incorporated in the Land Use Ordinance, but that would have to be done by a separate proceeding.

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. License Inspector Whitacre reported that at this time of year we have the 'Highway Stand' problem; unofficially, the Council had established a policy allowing these 'stands' only for a farmer to sell his own produce and with the proviso that the 'stand' be on the ground where the produce is raised. He asked what the policy on this would be this year.

The Mayor informed Mr. Whitacre that the 'policy' outlined here had been established by law, and that the health department would have to check the stands.

It was the consensus of the Council that there would be no change in policy.

2. Councilman Beasley said he had heard a rumor that some of the people who got fireworks permits have been offered sums of money for the use of the permits.

Mr. Whitacre said he had received a telephone call this evening from a person who refused to give her name, saying that one of the people who got a permit had offered her the use of it for a large sum of money. He added that there is nothing in our present ordinance to prohibit this. He had checked every fireworks ordinance and could find nothing to prohibit this in any of them. He said he and the City Attorney are trying to prepare an ordinance to take care of it.

Mayor Isen protested, saying there had been an ordinance which required these stands to be operated by free, voluntary manpower. The only reason we allow these fireworks to be sold in the City is so the charitable and civic organizations can raise the money for such uses; the Mayor said he knew we had once had such an ordinance because he had worked on it.

Mr. Whitacre said he had not found such provisions in the ordinances.

Councilman Drale did not think we should allow the permits to be reassigned to anyone, and asked Mr. Whitacre to notify the holders of the permits in writing of our policy in this.

Mayor Isen asked the City Attorney to find the ordinance on this which was passed in 1954 and find what changes have been made in it inadvertently and list them for the Council in writing.

Councilman Drale thought anyone who did reassign such a permit should not be granted another license in the City.

The Councilmen instructed the License Inspector, in reply to a question from him that he should write to the holders of these permits and tell them these permits are not to be re-assigned, and that if any of them are, the holders will not be granted permits again.

The City Attorney was directed by Mayor Isen to be sure to have the clause requiring these stands to be manned by free, voluntary labor.

3. Councilman Benstead said he had noted that the 'litter-bugs' are just as active as ever; he said Maple Avenue, between Carson and Sepulveda, is cluttered with trash and garbage. He thought perhaps a few well-publicized arrests would help clean the City.

Mayor Isen agreed, and suggested that Director of Public Works Peebles might have some new ideas on this. He thought if any evidence could be procured, the Councilmen would be glad to sign the complaints.

Councilman Benstead suggested that Maple Avenue between Carson and Sepulveda should be posted.

4. Councilman Blount asked when the intersection of Carson and Maple would be returned to normal, and the City Manager said it should be very soon. The City Manager thought the Director of Public Works would check on that.

5. Councilman Drale said when he had attended his first meeting with the Traffic Commission recently, he had found from the reports prepared by the police that the majority of our serious traffic accidents are the result of too much speed. The Traffic Commission will recommend that we ask the police to spend more time on the major highways and streets through the City and actually carry on a war with speeders to try to cut down on the accidents.

Mayor Isen asked if they want to request the judges to give jail sentences to violators, but this was not decided upon.

6. Mayor Isen told the Council he intends to ask for repeal of Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of The Code, which prohibit anyone being appointed to a vacancy on the Council if they have served the City on either a Commission or Board within a year before their appointment; he felt this to be an unwise attitude. He was reporting this tonight so the Councilmen would have an opportunity to study the Code and be informed on that particular part of it.

7. Mr. Stanley W. Watts of the A-1 Taxi Service, presented letters to the Council and spoke to them about his request to operate two taxi stands at the new bus stop locations. He presented letters from Mr. Jim Y. Leong of the Ding How Cafe and from Dr. Easley and his staff saying they would be glad to have the stands near their businesses, where they would be if the request were granted. Mr. Watts offered to pay the City \$7.50 per month for each meter head removed so he could have cab stands at these two locations.

Councilman Drale moved to concur with the request, subject to the approval of the Chief of Police and Traffic Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Councilman Bradford thought this should have been turned over to the City Manager; he asked if it should have been routed through the Traffic Commission. He did not think \$7.50 per meter would be enough.

Councilman Blount asked if we would establish a policy of 'selling' these meters to anyone for \$7.50 per month.

The City Manager said that would about equal the revenue from a good meter for a month. He said this was a policy matter and should be determined by the Council.

This was discussed at some length.

Mr. Watts said he would be willing to 'feed' the meters if the Council would prefer for him to do so, instead of paying the fee of \$7.50 per month.

Mayor Isen asked if he did not want the area marked 'taxi', and Mr. Watts said he would like that.

Councilman Blount thought this should go through proper channels. He could not understand the urgency on this.

Councilman Bradford agreed with him; he believed the way to eliminate confusion was to route everything through the Commissions.

Councilman Drale rescinded his motion, and Councilman Beasley withdrew his second.

Councilman Bradford moved to refer this to the proper channels.

There were no objections, and Mayor Isen ordered this referred to the Traffic Commission, Police Dept., and the City Manager.

Mr. Watts asked if could stay there and pay the meters.

He was told that would suit the Council.

8. Councilman Benstead moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion seconded by Councilman Drale, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present (Jahn absent).

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

*A. H. Bartlett*

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of  
Torrance, California

APPROVED:

*Albert Isen*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance